

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION 'PIONEERS'



The Government has announced plans to integrate health and social care services in England by 2018, and has published a framework, signed by 12 national leaders of health and care, that shows how this is going to be accomplished.

Integrated Care and Support: Our Shared Commitment sets out how local areas can use existing structures such as Health and Wellbeing Boards to bring together local authorities, the NHS, care and support providers, education, housing services, public health and others to make further steps towards integration.

The plans, which will be delivered by national leaders and local areas working closely together, include the following:

- An ambition to make joined-up and coordinated health and care the norm.
- The first ever agreed definition of what people say good integrated care and support looks and feels like, developed by National Voices.
- New 'pioneer' areas around the country to be announced in September 2013.

All localities will need to develop plans for integration. To this end, the national partnership is inviting expressions of interest from local areas that would like to become integration pioneers. These pioneers will work across the whole of their local health, public health and social care systems and alongside other local authority departments and voluntary organisations as necessary, to achieve and demonstrate the scale of change that is required.

The closing date for Expressions of Interest is 28th June 2013.

Project Support will be required to develop the Expression of Interest but this will be found from existing resources.

There is no additional funding available for those areas chosen as Integration "Pioneers".